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Montana Medicaid Notice

Physicians, Mid-Level Practitioners, Public Health Clinics, IDTFs, Social Workers, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors, Psychologists and Psychiatrists

Telemedicine

Telemedicine is the provision of health care services at a distance between a medical provider and a patient through information technology. Medical data exchanged can be in multiple forms, such as text, graphics, still images, audio and video. The data exchange is real time (synchronous) or near real time (asynchronous).

Coverage of telemedicine services is treated like all other services. Both the hub and rendering provider are to bill the appropriate procedure code and modifier (GT- interactive telecommunication or GQ- telehealth store and forward) when billing Montana Medicaid for services that are rendered through telemedicine. Montana Medicaid does not require the presence of the provider requesting the telemedicine at the time of the telemedicine service.

Telephone consultations (CPT 99371, 99372 and 99373) are bundled services, i.e. not reimbursable services. Network use charges are also not a Medicaid covered service.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

Provider Relations toll-free in- and out-of-state: 1-800-624-3958

Helena: (406) 442-1837

Visit the Provider Information website:

<http://www.mtmedicaid.org>